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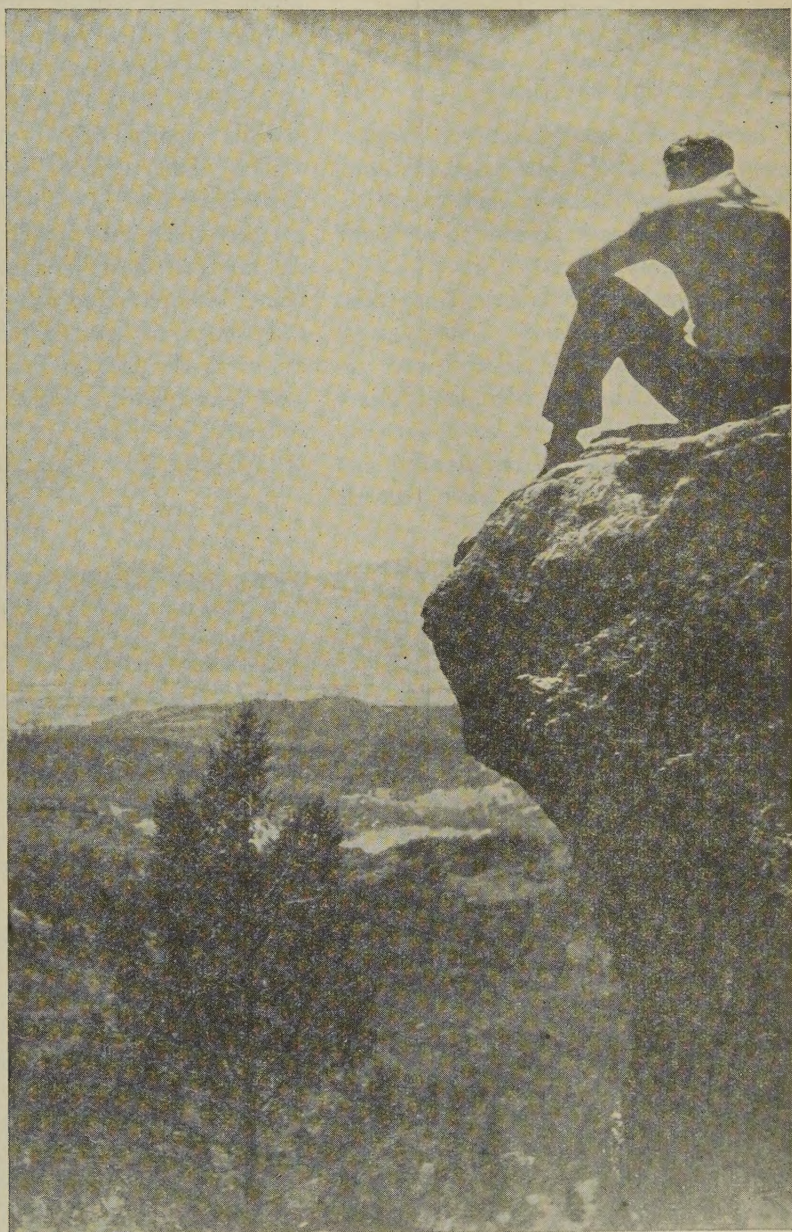
My Need . . .

*I need a strength to keep me true
And straight, in everything I do:
I need a power to keep me strong
When I am tempted to do wrong.*

*I need a grace to keep me pure
When passion tries its deadly lure.
I need a love to keep me sweet
When hardness and mistrust I meet.*

*I need an arm to be my stay
When dark with trouble grows my way.
And naught on earth can these afford.
But all are found in Christ my Lord!*

—Selected.



Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Worship at Work

A few months ago while attending the State *Gideons* Convention, I had lunch with Rollin M. Severance, two of his managers, and others. I was greatly inspired to hear of the place Brother Severance has given God, not only in his life and home, but also in his factories.

At the beginning of each shift, time is taken for worship. One of the managers was telling me that it was not uncommon to hear, during the day, choruses or songs ringing through the entire plant. It was a real testimony to government officials, business men, and visitors to enter the plant and hear the praises of the Lord. A complete story written by Frank M. Boyd is printed in the January issue of the *C. A. Herald*.

Dr. Carver and the Bible

The late George Washington Carver, Negro scientist of Tuskegee Institute, Macon County, Alabama said:

"The Bible is as important to my work as my laboratory."

Dr. Carver has two favorite Scriptures. One of them he calls his *light* passage. It is Proverbs 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct thy paths." The other is his *power* passage. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me."

Dr. Mayo and Religion

The late Dr. William James Mayo, world renowned physician, stated in an interview:

"The world needs religion. It needs religion as distinguished from creeds born of theologians' disputes. The surgeon and physician realize quickly that they need religion to help them. I do not mean the personal religion of the surgeon and physician; I mean the personal religion of the patient.

"I have seen patients that were dead by all medical standards. We knew they could not live. But I have seen a minister come to the bedside of that patient and do something for that patient I could not do, although I had done everything in my professional power. But something touched some immortal spark in him and

in defiance of medical knowledge and materialistic common sense, he lived.

"Religion is the universal comforter in times of physical or spiritual distress. There is a tendency for a group of intellectuals to underrate the value of religion as the universal comforter, but to the mass of people, religion has the same potency it has had for two thousand years."

Gov. Stassen Elected President

Recently Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota was elected President of the International Council of Religious Education. He has served as vice-president of the Northern Baptist Convention for the past two years.

Super-speed Cargo Plane

We have often written about the new huge fast cargo plane under construction by Lockheed. At last it is completed, and it made its initial take-off on January 9.

This plane, named "Constellation," is powered by four 2,000 horsepower Wright engines which can propel it through the air faster than a Japanese Zero fighter plane, while carrying a light tank and its complement of troops across an ocean. It can cross the United States in less than nine hours, which would average about 300 miles per hour.

Huge Non-war Casualties

In the year from Pearl Harbor to its first anniversary, 93,300 persons were killed, 330,000 permanently disabled and 9,300,000 injured in the United States.

They were not soldiers, sailors or marines.

They were the victims of accidents—accidents which took a total of 256 lives every day from December 7, 1941, to December 6, 1942, accidents which brought injury to 25,500 persons every day in that same period.

This is more evidence of the uncertainty of life and the need of being saved and ready.

\$100,000,000,000

The most expensively worded book in history—the United States budget which will call for cash spending of more than \$100,000,000,000 in the next fiscal year—went to press January 6th.

That is about \$30,000,000,000 more

than is being spent in the current fiscal year, which will end June 30, 1943. It is about four times as much as was spent by this country in the first world war. *It is more than England and Germany and all the other belligerents are spending per year put together.*

Songs in Solomons

The Terrible Holocaust of War often makes the toughest men soft, tender souls before God. In a late report of the Marines in Guadalcanal, we read that their favorite song, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," was sung over and over again.

Speedy Builders

"In ten hours," said a lumber merchant to the Navy High Command, "I can put up a six-room house, ready for occupancy, complete to the last curtain rod and bricks in the fire place—not a portable, mind you, but a finished, permanent residence."

"Show us," the navy replied. And he did, in nine and one half hours flat.

Makes you wonder, doesn't it, what sort of a job this dam-building, ship-building, plane-building Henry Kaisert could do on a house?

Well, a lot of good men have already

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Pilgrims and Strangers

By L. R. KEYS

I Peter 2:11—*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.*

There are two dangers that confront the Christian: he is in danger of being so other-worldly that he has no concern for the affairs and needs of this life; the other danger is that he shall become so enmeshed with the material universe about him—the things of time—that he shall lose sight of

the fact that he is fundamentally but a pilgrim and a stranger in this world.

God's people are in the world, but, like their Lord, are not of it. True, we must work, buy, sell, get gain, but while doing these necessary things we must not forget that we are pilgrims and strangers here. This world is not our home. We are just living here temporarily. We are on our way to another country, i.e., an heavenly country. Our spiritual citizenship is in heaven from whence also we look for the Saviour. One version states, "we are a colony of heaven." We are here in this world to finish the work which God has given us to do and then to go home to be forever with the Lord. While we are here it is our job to let our light shine for God.

The true pilgrim has forsaken all that he might follow Christ. Nothing in this present life is deemed of sufficient importance to keep us from following Christ. We possess, not the horizontal view of earth, but the perpendicular view which gives us a vision of God, of the things of God, of the things that are ultimately worthwhile. I read one time of a choir which, while singing most beautifully, seemed to be watching something that was going on in the front of the church. In turning to discover what it was they were watching it was found that the director was standing in the balcony over the front entrance to the church and was directing the choir from there. The choir,

keeping their eyes on their leader, produced a beautiful rendition of the number they were singing. That is the way it is with the Christian; he is living on earth, but he has the heavenly vision. He is taking his directions from his Leader, and because of that his life is both beautiful and useful.

Nothing must be allowed to hinder the pilgrim and stranger from following his Lord, neither father nor mother, neither husband nor wife, neither parents nor children. The pilgrim's testimony must be that of the apostle Peter when he said, "We have left all to follow thee." This present world system, we are told by Paul, lies in the lap of the wicked one, Satan, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, is the present ruler of the God-forsaking, Christ-rejecting men and women of today. They are under the control of the devil whether they realize it or not. Only Jesus Christ can break his power over the lives of men; but, thank God, He can do it. God's people are not under Satan's control. He has no part in them. They are, as it were, an alien people in a strange land, pilgrims and strangers in the world. They are heavenly people with a heavenly calling and a heavenly destination. They have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. They have turned from the power of Satan unto the power of God.

While here, God's people are not merely singing songs about heaven and dreaming of the sweet bye and bye, but they are actively engaged in urging others to forsake the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to join them in their pilgrim journey to glory. There are many today who are adrift; they have lost their bearings; they do not know where they are going. God's people are not adrift. They have the Captain of their salvation at the helm; they have a sense of direction and they know where they are going. That is worth while knowing.

I was standing in one of Chicago's great railroad stations one day. I saw a woman who from all appearances was a pilgrim and a stranger in a strange land. She ap-

peared to have just arrived in this country from some other land. Her dress was very different from the dress of our American women—not only in kind but also in amount—her language was different; even her baggage was different from American luggage. She couldn't understand us nor could we understand her. She was a stranger here. That is a picture of God's people in this earth. They are "living along side of natives in a foreign land." It reminds one of the words of the song,

"I am a stranger here,
Within a foreign land;
My home is far away
Upon a golden strand;
Ambassador to be
Of realms beyond the sea,
I'm here on business
For my King."

It is a good thing for God's people to burn all the bridges behind them when they forsake all to follow Christ. If God has saved you from the curse of whiskey, don't hide the bottle somewhere for future reference—break it! If some place of sin has been of special temptation to you in times past, avoid it now that you are a Christian; walk ten blocks, if need be, rather than place yourself within temptation's grasp. If you play with fire you are sure to be burned.

An old Southern friend told me one time of a man in the old South who wanted to hire a safe and dependable driver for his coach. In interviewing the various men who applied for the job, he asked each one this question: "How near to the edge of the road could you drive on yonder high hill without going over?" Each man variously estimated how close he could come to the edge without accident. The last man so interrogated replied, "Boss, Ah's goin' to stay jes' as fur from dat 'ere edge ob de road as Ah possible can." He got the job.

Yes, brother, sister, keep away from the edge of disaster, the fringe of danger. "Hold yourself back from the fleshly lusts which war against the soul." These evil lusts, these strong desires marshal themselves, as it were, in battle array in order to bring destruction to the soul. Satan uses them as a means of spiritual destruc-

Who Will Take Up His Cross?

by THOMAS B. DON CARLOS

tion. He works through these strong desires. But there is victory for every believer. He is not left to his own devices; he is definitely aided by the power of the Holy Spirit for the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes him free from the law of sin and of death." It is true that in his nature and in his environment the pull is downward, but that is not the whole story; there is a superior pull, a power pulling upward, God-ward. That is the power of the Holy Spirit. If left to ourselves we should most certainly be defeated, but we are not left to ourselves. Thank God, the Holy Spirit is in the heart of every pilgrim and stranger to make him victorious over the downward pull. The believer does not withdraw from the world, but by the power of the counteracting Spirit he overcomes the evil everywhere about him. Always he stands out in clear relief as an alien and a stranger to the godless, pagan, Christless environment which is everywhere about him.

One writer has given us a beautiful free translation of our text and of the first few words of the twelfth verse, as follows: "Divinely loved one, I beg of you as those who are living in the midst of a foreign population as strangers and pilgrims, I beg of you to hold yourself back from the fleshly cravings, cravings of such a nature that, like an army waging an offensive warfare, they are hurling themselves down upon the soul; holding your manner of life among the nations steadily beautiful in its goodness."

A true Christian life is always beautiful; it is never repugnant. It attracts rather than repels. Any other kind of a so-called Christian life is a caricature on Christianity.

Abraham is an illustration of the pilgrim principle. He received the call of God: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." We are told by the writer of Hebrews that "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." In speaking of those who had been pilgrims and strangers in the earth, the writer states that "these all died in faith... and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they

And he said to them all. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

Here the Lord Jesus Christ gave a challenge to us all to take up our cross and follow Him; not once a year, or once a month, neither just on Sunday, but daily.

The cross sometimes becomes heavy, and we are oftentimes tempted to shrink back, to lay it down and just give up. But we must think of the results. What if I give up? I will be lost and all of the joys of Christ for me will cease. What would it mean to forfeit all of this? Let us deny ourselves and follow on to know the Lord.

We think of a cross as leading to crucifixion *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall save it.* Let us then be crucified with Christ, and the life that we now live shall be by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.

It takes self-denial to live by the faith of the Son of God, for He denied Himself for others and gave His life which was His all. So likewise *whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33).* We must give up all our plans, efforts, and thoughts, yea our lives

desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

The Christian is always in danger of forgetting that he is but a pilgrim and a stranger in the earth. This is particularly true if he is highly successful in earthly pursuits. But ever and anon, the Word of God reminds him that this world is not his home, and though he lives in beautiful California with everything that heart could wish for so far as earthly things are concerned, yet, it still remains true that this world is not his true home.

Let us keep ourselves free from entangling alliances and compromising situations. Let us keep ourselves spiritually free from the paganism about us. We are pilgrims and strangers in the earth.

to Him Who has called us unto Himself to purify our hearts by faith that we might live with Him.

Some have had to deny their own loved ones to follow Him. Whatever our cross may be, let us take it up and follow Him daily. *Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)*

Without a doubt the greatest cross of all is to deny ourselves. When we have denied self, He has our all. Whatever the cross may be let us bear it for His name and follow on after Christ, "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Shall we then say that the cross leads to self-denial or to be crucified which is death? But if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him. To live with Him means that we shall be resurrected with Him, forever His saints to reign. *For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim. 2:11-12)*

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord has promised He would be My Shepherd here through life;
And from all want I shall be free
Protected from all strife.

In pastures green He makes my bed
By waters still on peaceful shores;
On paths of righteousness I'm led;
When weary He my soul restores.
And when the Valley Dark I tread
I have Thy staff and rod,
No evil will I fear or dread
Because I know I walk with God.
Before my foes a table's set,
My cup is full and running o'er,
And with sweet oil my head is wet
For mercy great He doth outpour.
And goodness, too, He gives to me,
With Him I'll dwell eternally.

—HAZEL K. NICCOLLS.

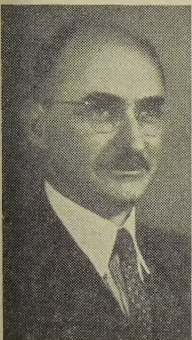
*Mark those who walk rejoicing
The way which Jesus trod;
Thus only shalt thou see below
Fit images of God.*

Peace With God

By R. J. THURMOND, District Superintendent

(Scripture reading, Romans 5:1-11)

One of the questions of every age is how to contact God. Man, made in the image and likeness of God, is by nature one whose longing draws him into an attitude of worshipping something—seeking contact with the Infinite. That spirit which has been breathed into man causing him to become a living soul only finds rest and peace in contact with God. However, due to the fall of



R. J. Thurmond

Adam and Eve, communion has been broken with God and a curse came upon everything. This also brought the spirit of man into bondage. It might be said that man is mere man, whereas in the beginning he was God-man for he walked and talked with God in loving fellowship as he was God's highest creation. The strong force that impells people to worship is born of the spirit hungering to get back to this place. Man cannot live by bread alone but must hear the voice of God and walk with Him to be really satisfied. But how, oh how, to contact Him? Many and strange are the methods used, but the only way is by *faith*.

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Heb. 11:6.) "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin,"—and here we read, "Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Christ has said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." He also said: "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." We are told, "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." So many are the Scriptures that it would take too much space to deal with each one on this subject of Christ's being the way back to God; but it is recorded of

Abraham that he believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, and he was not justified by anything else. Oh, that men might believe God's word. The simple act of faith, meaning belief that has gone deeper than a mere mental assent, reaches out and takes God at His word.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "When we were yet without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly" and "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." It's the old story of Christ's atoning work on the cross of Calvary; that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, for He hath made him (Christ), who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. An understanding of this brings a shout of Hallelujah to the soul. Many are trying to justify themselves in the sight of God, whereas they cannot be justified except in the work of the Son, Jesus Christ—justified by faith in Him.

This word *faith* is so strange to many. It seems to be a theological term rarely used in other matters; so its meaning is obscure to many, but it has no strange new peculiar power, supernaturally infused by Christianity, but the same principle by which we live from day to day. We trust our senses, though they often deceive us. We trust men. Merchants commit goods into the hands of captains of ships; fortunes are placed in banks or trust companies, trusting it in the hands of a few. If we did not use this principle of faith, society would not hold together a single day.

Such, too, is Christian faith. We trust God. Faith throws its convictions onto the scales and ventures on the side of God; on the side of right; on the guarantee of something within that brings God into reality within the soul of man. If faith did not carry beyond our own understanding, beyond the line of human reason; beyond what we can now perceive; it would not be faith, it would be sight. As one trusts himself into the hands of a skilled surgeon, into the hands of the

engineer of the train, into the hands of the airplane pilot or the car driver, so we must trust our lives into the hand of the Creator—coming to Him believing that He has made reconciliation possible through His Son, Jesus Christ, and though not understanding how it is done, yet believing, trusting, yielding.

Being justified by faith, we have peace immediately. The man who has thousands of acres of wheat in the ground has peace in the seed of it, believing and trusting for a good crop, and though he does not have it yet, rests in it. When the mind is stayed on God, it will be kept in perfect peace before deliverance comes. Just as a man may promise to take care of your debt for you and this fact brings peace to your troubled mind, so, too, if you have confidence in the Word of God you can have the sweet peace of God flooding your soul.

Everyone that assents to the truth of what the Scriptures say of Christ may not believe in Him. The believing we speak of implies a union of the soul with Christ. Judas knew the Scriptures. The devils believed and trembled in the knowledge that Jesus was the Son of God, but it did not make them followers of Him or give them peace. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"; not believe in Christianity, but Christ! Millions of people believe in Jesus just as they believe in George Washington, but they do not trust their souls to Jesus. They do not rest in Him for salvation nor build their hopes of heaven on Him. When a miner looks at the rope that is to lower him into the deep mine, he may say, "I have faith that the rope is well made and strong;" but when he swings on it, or is on the tram and let down by it, then he is believing in the strength of the rope; he is trusting himself to the rope. It is not a mere opinion, it is an act. He just lets go of everything else and bears his whole weight on the strands of hemp. **THAT IS FAITH.** When a human soul lets go of every other reliance in the wide universe and hangs entirely upon the atoning work of Jesus, that soul believes in Christ and is intrusting himself to

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Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY XXXI

A SERIES OF NOTABLE EVENTS

Chapter 19

While the storm of the tribulation shall be raging below—that storm that is to culminate in the appearing of the Lord in glory, accompanied by His saints, and the complete and permanent overthrow and destruction of Babylon—two things of universal importance will take place in the heavens.

Immediately after the rapture the saints will “appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). The word rendered “judgment seat” in the passage just quoted is *beema*, which occurs twelve times in the Greek Scriptures, and is ten times rendered “judgment seat.” The judgment here spoken of is the judgment of the believer’s works, and it is important that it be distinguished from the other judgments made mention of in the Word; the judgment, for instance, of the nations (Matt. 25:31-46), and the White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15). The believer’s works must be judged in order that it may be ascertained what position can be justly assigned to him during the millennium, which at the time of this judgment, will be about to begin.

The other event of universal importance which will take place, and which will doubtless immediately follow the judgment of the believers, will be the marriage of the Lamb. The judgment of the believers will undoubtedly determine who shall, and who shall not, have a part in the select company that will constitute the bride. It seems likely that numbers will be present at the marriage supper who will not be bridehood saints. Read Psalm 45:13-15, and you will see that “the virgins her companions that follow her” are made mention of as well as the bride herself. I believe we should interpret the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-23) with this thought in mind. In this parable the bride, in my opinion, is not in evidence at all; our Lord is speaking of the virgins, not of the bride, and it is doubtless true that the virgins will

greatly outnumber the bridehood saints.

Immediately following the judgment of the believers and the marriage of the Lamb the second stage of our Lord’s second advent will take place: Christ will descend from heaven, accompanied by His saints. It will be the time of which Enoch prophesied (Jude 14, 15).

I. The Hallelujah Chorus

Verses 1-7. John saw and heard in his vision what he here records, “after these things,” i.e., after the things recorded in the preceding chapter, but this does not mean that the things here recorded will not take place until after those things, for it is quite evident that, while the storm of the tribulation is in progress on the earth, the judgment of the believers and the marriage of the Lamb will take place above, and the complete destruction of Babylon will not occur until the Lord shall come in glory. John in his vision saw what was to take place on the earth, and after he had witnessed in the vision the complete destruction of the system represented by Babylon he was shown what is destined to take place in heaven *before* that destruction shall be accomplished below.

The rejoicing that is here represented as taking place in heaven is to be regarded as taking place after sentence has been pronounced upon Babylon, but before the execution of the sentence. It appears that sentence will be pronounced before the marriage of the Lamb shall take place, and when the Lord determines that judgment shall be meted out, for the decrees of the Eternal One cannot be set aside; that which He determines shall be done—shall most certainly be accomplished. David, when he was fleeing from Absalom, prayed, “Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God!” and he immediately added, “for Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly” (Psalm 3:7). That is faith. David prayed for victory, and immediately regarded the victory as having been won. Afterwards Joab went out at the head of David’s soldiers and made the victory an achieved fact; Absalom’s men were scattered, and David’s throne

which had been threatened was made secure.

Hallelujah is a compound word. It means *Praise ye Jah*. *Jah* is one of the divine titles by which God is known in the Old Testament. It has been defined as “a contraction of *Jehovah*,” but it is more than that. It represents *Jehovah* in a special sense and relation, as having *become* our salvation. It occurs first in Ex. 15:2, and is found 49 times (7 times 7, the number being significant). Only once in the A. V. is it rendered *Jah* (Psalm 68:4). The word *Hallelujah* occurs 24 times in the Old Testament, and is always rendered *Praise ye the Lord*. In the New Testament it is found four times, and only in this “hallelujah chorus.” Four is the number of earth, and the redeemed saints in the glory are represented by 24 elders. It occurs to me that if we would be among those who will say *hallelujah* in heaven we must learn to say it down here, and not from the lips only but from the heart. The singers of this chorus in heaven will have come from every quarter of the earth, from the north, the south, the east, and the west.

II. The Marriage of the Lamb

Verses 8, 9. It is important that we distinguish between the marriage dinner (Gr. *ariston*) and the marriage supper (Gr. *deipnon*). The former is being served now, for the marriage festivities have already begun, but the latter will not be served until the time shall have come for the nuptials to be consummated. The marriage dinner, that part of the wedding festivities that is being celebrated here upon earth at the present time, is the subject of the parable in Matt. 22:2-14. Study this parable carefully, and note the fact that our Lord said, “Many are called, but *few* are chosen.” All who hear the gospel message are *called*; all who heed the invitation and accept, and put on the wedding garment provided for them, are *chosen* to be present at the wedding supper, and all who are thus chosen will be there. It is absurd to suppose that any person admitted to the marriage supper will be excluded after having been admitted. The exclusion spoken of in Matt. (Continued on page 15)

News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMEDA—Evangelist Cecil Grice held a two weeks revival meeting in Alameda recently. Shortly afterward Evangelist Russel Griffin, assisted by the Pearly Gates Quartet, was there for three weeks. Souls were saved at both meetings. R. A. Wilson is pastor.

BLUE LAKE—Brother and Sister C. F. Rowe ministered there during the month of February while Pastor Ida Stuart was away.

BURLINGAME—The January fellowship meeting of the Peninsula District was held in Burlingame on the 11th. Brother Herbert L. Johnson of Campbell was the afternoon speaker, and Brother L. R. Keys was the evening speaker. R. G. Davis is the pastor.

BURNEY—The Lord is blessing the work there. Pastor D. L. Brown reports that some have been recently saved and several have been wonderfully healed by the power of God.

CERES—The church is enjoying an increase in the Sunday School. Harry Oeth is pastor.

CHICO—Evangelist Leonard Rogers recently held a two weeks meeting for Pastor Paul E. Radley.

COVELO—Evangelist Oral Hart held a revival campaign for Pastor H. L. Marlenee early in January.

GRIDLEY—Pastor W. T. Scott reports a fine revival meeting with Evangelist Leonard Rogers during January. There was good response at the altar services and the Sunday School attendance was increased.

HAYWARD—During January Evangelist E. N. Stanley of Denver, Colorado, held a meeting with Pastor J. E. Stiles.

HIGHWAY CITY—Evangelist W. A. Frazier held a revival meeting in January for Pastor Doyl Adams.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—The Lord is blessing the work there. The church is happy and blessed in its efforts put forth to help Sister Morgan who is doing home missionary work in Moapa on an Indian Reservation near there. James A. Duguid is the pastor.

LIVERMORE—The church occasionally is privileged to conduct a Sunday service at the Naval Air Base near that city. They keep the base supplied with tracts and *Reveilles* as well as New Testaments as needed. Mr. Ralph W. Bayless of the American Bible Society was a recent speaker at a Sunday evening service. Evangelist Burton Pierce and Brother J. D. (Mainline) Coons have also helped in the services recently. Carl T. Carlin is pastor.

MIDDLETOWN—Sister Lydia Pearsall is the new pastor in Middletown succeeding Sister Ruth Fry.

MODESTO (Airport Assembly)—Evangelist W. A. Frazier held a three weeks campaign recently for Pastor E. M. Adams. Several souls were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance doubled during the meetings also.

MODESTO (Bethel Church)—Evangelist Theodore Ness, of Minneapolis, and Nels Lien, gospel singer and violinist, are holding a successful campaign at the present time for Pastor Donald G. Weston.

PITTSBURG—Pastor Homer Boyd of Poteau, Oklahoma, visited the Assembly recently. Four souls came to the altar on Sunday night to seek the Lord. There were also good prayer services during the week. Albert F. Gomes is the pastor.

QUINCY—Pastor Melville M. York reports the blessing of the Lord upon the church there during the winter. Several young people have been definitely saved. They have been holding services in the nearby army camp for the past three months.

SACRAMENTO—Evangelist Kenneth Haystead held a very good revival campaign in Bethel Temple during January. The pastor is W. T. Gaston.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings Temple)—Evangelist Arne Vick conducted a revival campaign the first of the year commencing December 26. L. R. Keys is the pastor.

SUNNYVALE—T. J. Jones, Dean of G.T. B.I., held a week's meetings with Pastor J. H. Carver who reports a very blessed and edifying campaign.

TURLOCK—Evangelist Arthur M. Otteson of Minneapolis, Minn., held a campaign in Bethel Temple beginning January 17. Allen J. Brown is pastor.

UKIAH—The Lake and Mendocino District fellowship meeting was held January 4 in Ukiah. Brother Marlenee of Covelo brought the afternoon message, and District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was the evening speaker. R. P. Murray is the pastor.

WATERFORD—On January 4 the North San Joaquin Valley District fellowship meeting was held in Waterford with Pastor Mary E. Moore. The blessing of the Lord was on both services as ministers of the district brought short messages on the theme "Victory in '43." All those present enjoyed the chicken and noodle dinner the assembly served to the guests between services.

WOODLAND—Evangelist Howard May held a campaign in the Woodland Full Gospel Church in January. Morse E. Hammond is the pastor.

YUBA CITY—The Lord is blessing the work there and they are reaching some of the service men located nearby. C. E. Lebeck is the pastor.

At Christmas time the churches of the North San Joaquin Valley District sent to the home missionaries: 447 cans of fruits and goodies, 30 pounds of nuts, 19 pounds of sugar, 105 pounds of beans, two quilts, a number of toys, and other miscellaneous items.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sister ROSIA SAUER is conducting her work among Spanish speaking people in Petaca, New Mexico. She is getting more proficient with the language now and is able to preach a little in Spanish. She has been teaching in Spanish for quite a while and doing visitation work in the homes using the language.

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Brother JOHN NICOLICH, hospital missionary and evangelist, is now in the Bahama Islands doing his personal work for the Lord in witnessing to the needy ones. He reports there are 500 of our boys and 1000 British boys there that do not have New Testaments. He is trying to arrange to get some for them.

NEW ARRIVALS

Little Everett Roger arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Albert A. F. Gomes December 14, 1942.

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Brother and Sister Lloyd E. Neasham are rejoicing in the arrival of little Lorraine Ruth who was born December 30, 1942.

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On January 6 little Sheridan Ellis came to gladden the home of Brother and Sister Lester Larson.

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Brother and Sister E. W. Knutson of Happy Camp are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter. Little Kathryn Colleen arrived January 15, 1943.

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A second son was welcomed into the home of Pastor and Mrs. Vernon L. Klemm when Norman Eugene was born January 17, 1943.

WASHINGTON'S MODESTY

Washington would never have identified effective citizenship with prominence. The citizen who was never mentioned in the news letters might be quite as great as the General and President. At Ipswich, Mass., on one occasion, Mr. Cleveland, the minister of the town, was presented to him. As he approached, hat in hand, Washington said, "Put on your hat, parson, and I will shake hands with you."

"I cannot wear my hat in your presence, General," said the minister, "when I think of what you have done for this country."

"You did as much as I," said Washington.

"No, no," protested the parson.

"Yes," said Washington, "you did what you could, and I have done no more."

Report of Midwinter Convention

Blessedly surprising was the attendance at the 1943 Midwinter Convention held last week. In spite of the restrictions on travel due to rationing, an unusually large crowd assembled coming by public transportation facilities as well as by automobile.

Not only was the convention a success as regards to attendance but also in spiritual uplift and edification. The ministry of the Word, the manifest presence of the blessing of the Lord, and the fellowship one with another, all contributed to the enjoyment and benefit of those present. From the opening rally on Monday evening when District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond spoke to the convention on the need for a return to the old fashioned altar, and a complete surrender to the will of God as the aim and standard of Christians who should be serving the Lord in winning souls to Christ, the anointing of the Spirit rested on the ministry of the Word of God.

The ministry of our General Superintendent, E. S. Williams, was helpful to all. We counted it no small privilege to have him with us. In the morning services his words were largely directed to the ministers, and his evening addresses were for Christians and interested friends in general. However, all of the messages were helpful to any and all who appreciate the Word of God.

In the account of their work and accomplishments since the last camp meeting, the Women's Missionary Council gave a good report Wednesday afternoon of their activities. It was enlightening to see how much can be done when so many are working in the same cause, in this case, home and foreign missions. A more detailed report of their work will appear elsewhere.

The Thursday afternoon service was given over to consideration of the missionary program of the district. Of special interest was the short talk given by Brother Walker Hall, who with Sister Hall and their two small children, was interned by the Japanese at the fall of Hongkong.

Brother and Sister L. H. Parks and their two children were also interned at the same time. Sister Parks spoke on the previous afternoon. After eight months internment they returned to the United States here on the *S. S. Gripsohm* with others who were exchanged for Japanese being returned from this country. The offering for home and foreign missions amounted to more than \$200.00

Thursday night was Glad Tidings night in the convention. The students of the institute presented the special music, and numbers of them gave testimony of the worth of Bible School to them. A large company in the audience arose when all the graduates of G.T.B.I. present were asked to stand. The school has not only played a large part in the development of workers in this district, but the effect of the work put into the lives of students spreads over this whole country and the world.

Sister Bernice Mast was in charge of the Sunday School and children's workers' meeting which was held on Friday afternoon. The theme of the meeting was "Help for Ailing Sunday Schools." The phases of the needs of the Sunday School were discussed by the following speakers C. E. Persing, Analyze; L. R. Keys, Spiritualize; R. J. Renfroe, Energize; Bernice Mast, Specialize. General Superintendent E. S. Williams summarized the whole need of Sunday Schools, the proper conduct and management of a successful Sunday School.

Glad Tidings Temple was again filled by a large attendance on the last night of the convention though a large number of the ministers had returned to their homes to be ready for their Sunday services. This last service was a C. A. rally to which many young people had come. Their singing and happy faces were an inspiration. Brother O. Foth, C. A. President of this district, was chairman of the evening. Brother Williams was the speaker at this service also.

The matter of maintaining the fellowship meeting schedule throughout the district was discussed at the opening of one morning meeting. No definite action was taken, but each subdistrict will work out the solution to the problem of restricted travel in its own way according to its individual advantages or disadvantages.

The state secretary of the *Gidions*, C. M. Amos, together with other representatives of the organization was present Wednesday evening and spoke of their work in supplying New Testaments to the service men. Two million New Testaments have already been distributed, and at the present time 2,000,000 more are on order awaiting production.

Rev. A. Book, field secretary of the California Council of Churches was introduced to the presbyters in their meeting. He explained the nature of the work of that organization and invited the Assemblies of God to join with them. It was decided to cooperate with them until the next District Council session at which time decision is expected to be made about any further action.

After considering conditions at the present time, it was decided to go ahead with plans for a camp meeting in 1943 unless we are restricted from doing so. The meeting is to be for two weeks because of war conditions. Brother A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., is to be the camp meeting evangelist, and Brother T. J. Jones, the Bible teacher.

Action was taken "that a committee be appointed by the presbytery to cooperate with the executive officary in renting suitable quarters for a district parsonage with a view to the purchase of the same, and that an option on said quarters be secured if possible. Those named on the committee are: R. A. Wilson, L. R. Keys, C. E. Persing, and M. P. Bohnet.

It was also voted that because of the rise in living costs an increase in salary be granted District employees. As of January
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R. J. RENFROE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

February 1—Fortuna, Richmond,
8—Los Gatos, Portola.
9—Montague.
15—Fairfield, Kerman.
22—Live Oak, Soledad.

NOTICE

It has been necessary to file exemption for our churches with the Internal Revenue Department and a copy of our 1942 Minute Book, which lists our Affiliated and Associated churches, has been filed along with this request. We understand this will take care of the matter under the new law governing taxes of incomes of churches and individual contributions of tithes and offerings.

There is, however, a grave question in connection with so many different names being involved. All our churches should be known as *Assembly of God* in order to eliminate a lot of misunderstanding and added explanation. "Full Gospel," "Pentecostal Mission," "Glad Tidings," "Bethel Temple or Church," "First Pentecostal," etc., is not the name of our national organization on file with the government. If these names cannot be conveniently changed, each one should immediately add with the church name "affiliated with the Assemblies of God." Wherever a question arises from the Internal Revenue Department on anyone's claim for exemption for contributions of tithes and offerings from their income tax returns, they should always include the fact, along with whatever the church name is, that it is affiliated or associated with the Assemblies of God.

It will also be wise for you to check up on the regulations about the new *Victory Tax*. The exemption is \$12 per week, and 5 per cent tax is computed on the balance of offering or salary and held out by the Church Treasurer to be remitted to the Internal Revenue Department each quarter. Church treasurers and pastors should take note of this at once for now that the church names are on file, and

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DISTRICT CHANGES

Transfers into the District:

Robert H. Hicks, Santa Rosa, Calif., licensed, from Southern California.
Thelma Hicks (Mrs. R. H.), Exhorter, from Southern California.
Russell E. Pratt, San Francisco, licensed, from Texas.

Transfers out of the District:

Leonard Leisy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, licensed to Oklahoma.
Wm. C. Ross, Roseburg, Oregon, ordained, to Oregon.

Withdrawn:

Dick M. Huston.

Deceased:

Violet Frith.
Henry H. Harris.

SUGGESTED SAFEGUARDS

Recently a letter was received from our General Headquarters in which a number of helpful suggestions were made. Here is one which we feel is vital to the interests of our people.

"Numbers of deductions are permitted under the tax law. You are allowed up to 15 per cent of your net income (not gross income, but income figured after other legal deductions have been made) which you have contributed during the year to your church or for charity. This would include your tithes, paid to the

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STATISTICAL REPORT General Council, Assemblies of God

Ministers

Number of ordained ministers	4,260
Licentiates	3,062
Exhorters (not including Texas and Wisconsin)	1,101
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Churches

Affiliated churches	3,387	Attending membership	177,818
Co-operating churches	1,453	Attending membership	44,912
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Sunday Schools

Sunday Schools using our literature	6,250
Approximate number of teachers and officers serving these schools	47,250
Approximate number of pupils enrolled	500,000
New Sunday Schools opened last year	900

Bible Schools

Number of recognized Bible Schools	11
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Home and Foreign Missions

360 foreign missionaries under Council appointment, besides a number of Council ministers laboring in foreign lands not under appointment.

We have representatives carrying on work in 46 different countries.

In addition there are some 35 home missions workers ministering in Alaska, Hawaii, among the American Indians, Jewish people of the U. S., and our armed forces.

Total contributions to missions for year period from August 1, 1941 to July 31, 1942:

Foreign	\$643,511.02
Home	53,647.08

During the past year the Home Missions Department has spent \$15,500.00 in the publication of more than two million copies of REVEILLE, \$3,750.00 for service tracts, and \$6,000.00 for Testaments for the Merchant Marine.

Foreign Missions

Fiji Islands

From Suva Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst write:

"Fiji, once remote, is today considered to be in one of the major battle zones of this war. Its natives who have enjoyed peace for fully one hundred years, ever since Christianity was presented to them by the first missionaries, are now face to face with all kinds of modern war equipment. As has been announced, it is now permissible to speak of the U.S.A. forces being in Fiji. We here in these islands are seeing the same familiar sights you perhaps see at home: jeeps, peeps, and airplanes, etc.

"So far, Fiji has not been attacked and we have graciously escaped the ravages of war in these peaceful isles. But war came to other Pacific islands, and it is not impossible that it will come here. We do not feel like running away from here, instead we feel more attached to the people of the islands as time goes by, and we are thankful to be accounted worthy to preach the gospel of God to them. Somehow we feel they need us more than ever for encouragement and help.

"We are repeatedly being reminded that an air raid may take place at any time. People have responded well to tests which called them to their shelters so as to accustom them to take shelter should a real raid take place. So in the natural, provisions have been made.

"Should we not more so in the spiritual realm teach the people to take shelter in Jesus? As God's ministers we feel our responsibility to make an all-out effort to save the souls of men, not only among the natives and Indians, but also among the American troops now stationed here. . . . We are asking you to stand behind us with your prayers first, and also to send us spiritual literature, tracts, magazines, *Evangelists*, *Reveilles*, etc. We have met some lovely Christian boys of many different denominations, but, sad to say, many of the boys who have come from Christian homes in the States are sliding down into sin, and we wish to help them. You can help us help them by sending plenty of Christian literature. . . .

"The Indian work is going on just the same. War has made changes in the

meetings, and caused depletion in numbers, but the remaining Christian Indians and others desire to stand true and faithful. . . .

"Many thanks for your faithful offerings and prayers during this last year. Offerings are being cabled to us and reach us safely. Mail, although slow, reaches us quite regularly. If our mail does not reach you as quickly, remember that there is a war on in the Pacific. We would appreciate these days more letters from you. Will you please give us this pleasure? It means much to us. . . .

"We are hoping and praying for a speedy end of this terrible war, and for God's blessing upon God's work everywhere. . . ."

Guatemala

From Central America word has been received from Ralph and Jewyl Williams from their station in Guatemala City. They write:

"The new large church building that has been occupying much of our time during the past eight weeks is rapidly taking shape. . . . We are preparing to leave for Nicaragua where we will be spending the next two months or so with Brother Hodges in an itinerary of that field. . . .

"We are constantly reminded that we are in a spiritual battle. In one location much effort was made to intimidate our brethren, or to provoke them to retaliation. They have kept humble, and ten of their number have received the baptism of the Spirit, as well as a number of new converts preparing for baptism.

"From another part of the country a believer came to present a petition from a small group of new converts for a pastor. He said simply but sincerely, 'We are about thirty and we need a pastor to help us; we will support him with our tithes, and want to build a church for the services.' Could anything be more pleasing to the Lord than this? Could money or education alone produce that desire and eagerness in the hearts of these simple natives to see God's work go forward? What a genuine manifestation of the Holy Spirit! I know you will agree with us that it is only God, by His Spirit, who can do it. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.' The

combined offerings of these brethren will only satisfy the barest needs of a pastor, and the church will be but little better than their own grass huts, but the spiritual impulses that lead these dark hands to give and work for the Lord are of the finest.

"We try to be very careful in the use of offerings for the native work so that their distribution will encourage the native effort. In a case such as this, for instance, where the brethren are going ahead with no outside help, a few dollars to help purchase boards for doors, window shutters, and benches are very acceptable, and lift part of the material burden without jeopardizing the spiritual inspiration and initiative of the local believers which are the true strength of the work, and without which growth would be slow and often discouraging.

"The year has been a busy one. There have been evangelistic campaigns, long itineraries, workers' conferences, Bible School, and preliminary Bible training courses for workers over the whole field. Also two major building programs are being carried on. Two new missionary couples have been received on the field, and others are preparing to come. We give Him the glory for all He has done. . . .

"We want to thank you especially for your faithfulness in the past, for it has meant so much to have you stand behind us as you have, and we trust you may feel lead to continue with us as laborers together in the gospel in Central America."

Alaska

Brother A. L. Calame writes from Juneau concerning his work with Children of Alaska, Inc., a non-profit corporation in behalf of Alaska children:

"Several groups have been contributing on a monthly basis since our first letter in which we made definite requests for assistance, and we wish to thank them most heartily for their part in the children's work. . . .

"It is with regret that we have learned of some who have had Parcel Post packages returned to them that they had intended for the children's work. We asked in our last letter that items be forwarded via Railway Express, but we

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Christ's Ambassadors

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A Testimony

ROBERT CARRINGTON, *C. A. Secretary Treasurer*

I was born in Birkenhead, England, and until December 18, 1942, was a subject of that country. On that date I renounced all allegiance to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty; pledged allegiance to the United States, and thus became one of its citizens.

My childhood days in England were interesting ones. I can still remember outstanding events in my days spent there. Our trips to Ireland and Wales are still very vivid in my memory.

Father was a crane operator in a rail yard. He met an untimely death as a result of an accident while at work. Shortly after his death, through the persuasion of relatives, my mother decided to come to America. It meant giving up a lovely home and leaving behind my two older brothers; but in America she knew there would be more opportunity to provide for her two younger children, my sister and me.

It was not long before the preparations for our trip were completed and we were aboard ship headed for the "land of promise." It was rather an uneventful voyage, but a very fortunate one for me, for they tell me I was the only passenger aboard who did not become seasick. However, when we arrived at Ellis Island, the detention port for incoming immigrants, I immediately became ill, having to be hospitalized, and thus caused my sister and mother to have to remain in custody with approximately three hundred other immigrants, none of whom could speak English. As soon as I was released we were on our way to California. Nothing of consequence took place on this lap of our journey except that one sunny afternoon my mother, not knowing American currency, paid fifty cents for one cup of coffee!

Upon our arrival at the Sante Fe depot in Sacramento we immediately had to have a cup of tea. It was my first cup of green tea. I thought I was poisoned!

Little did we then realize that only two

blocks away was the place where I should later find Jesus, my Saviour, my Lord.

After locating our relatives and getting settled in a strange land, mother quickly found work, and I remained with relatives in the country.

Now strangely enough, and yet in the order of the Lord, mother met a Mrs. Haystead at a whist party, who, though a nominal Christian at the time, was later to have a great influence on our lives, for it was shortly after this whist party that Sister Haystead received the light of the Word and her whole family was brought to know the Lord.

Soon my mother wanted me back under her wing; so she brought me from the country to live with the Haysteads. Never shall I forget my first meeting with Kenneth Haystead. Our way of getting acquainted was to have a fist fight, and a real one at that. But after that we got along fine, as well as nine year old boys do.

Three or four years rolled by and the light of Pentecost shined into our lives. Glorious day! It revolutionized the home.

One day on arriving home from school I went to the church which was just next door. The ladies were having a prayer meeting, and I knew Mother was supposed to be there. Upon entering I found her slain by the power of God. I intended just to watch. I had never seen anything like this before; never had I heard anyone speak in tongues or receive the infilling of the Spirit; but as young as I was something began to take place within me. I found myself irresistibly drawn forward from seat to seat until, finally, on the edge of the front seat next to the altar, I could contain myself no longer. Rushing forward I threw myself on my knees before God, crying and at the same time praising Him with my whole heart. I thought surely I should burst. Shortly after this Brother Kenneth, coming home from school also, came in looking for his mother, and seeing what was happening came to pray for me. Whereupon, God's power

seized hold of him and there the two of us were gloriously filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Time and space will not permit me to tell full statements of the way God marvelously led after that. Suffice it to say, it was *wonderful*.

Dark days came for me a little later when Mother married an ungodly man, a drunkard, and took me out of Christian atmosphere. Later, after bitter sorrow and mother's becoming an invalid, we both were welcomed again into the Haystead household. God bless their Christian character. I wonder today what would have happened to me but for the influence of that home. After a year of invalidism, Mother passed away when I was thirteen.

As soon as I was out of high school work became the daily routine. Church activity absorbed my life, and I was happy in it.

Then God began speaking to me regarding a life of full-time service for Him, and I was afraid. There were many others far more capable. God needed good businessmen. He needed people who would live the life in the daily round. Why should He ask me to go? Besides, I was engaged to a lovely young lady, my childhood sweetheart, and my plans were made. These were my thoughts, but thank God, I learned a lesson right then. God's way is the best way. Never, never shall I forget the moment I said yes to Him. Peace came to my soul. Yes, it meant the postponement of our marriage, the giving up of my position, etc., but a peace prevailed that surpassed anything I had ever known.

Bible school days followed and they were certainly eventful, as those who have attended know; days when you want to run away from it all, and days when you live in glory, yet through it all a knowledge that you are in His will.

Two months of ministry for me followed our graduation from School, and
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Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Dear Sunday School Co-Workers:

Last month we talked about a New Year's rally.... Last Sunday I attended such a rally, and was pleased with the result. The outline I gave you in the last GLAD TIDINGS was followed somewhat throughout the service. There was quite an increase in attendance of course; a number of new ones as well as old members renewed being in that number.

The theme carried out through the rally service was "The Good Shepherd and the Sheep of His Fold;" making the introduction to the two boards (referred to last month, full information may be secured from the Gospel Publishing House) "Sheep in the Fold" and "Straying Sheep," in perfect order.

In this case, the one board for "Sheep in the Fold" was painted green for the green pastures of the Lord's sheep. The other board was in brown to represent desert and straying sheep. The tags for the names of the members of the Sunday School were in the form of sheep and made of cardboard.

The message was the "Lost Sheep" and was closed with that all important decision service, wherein a fine response was witnessed, thank the Lord.

(A report of your rally would be happily received, so send it in.)

BUT WHAT NEXT???

What can be worse than a "let-down" after a rally or contest?

Many schools do away with rallies and contests entirely for fear of such discouragement. But that is the *I-won't-even-try* attitude; and what school can progress under that method?

If we've taken a census of our communities for the Sunday School, and climaxed it with a rally, we've started something . . . and the only reason for a "let-down" after that, is that we didn't go on toward the finish of the thing. To start a good thing and not finish it is bad business, and gives the world a chance to say, "I told you so."

From now on, hold as many workers' meetings as tire and gas rationing will permit (perhaps preceding your mid-week

service). Work out plans and methods together to keep your Sunday School before the public; to follow up your absentees; and to keep your lesson material spiritual, interesting, and up to date.

Change your tactics of contact with your community once in awhile (and be sure you contact!) to keep them looking for more and expecting something, instead of letting them feel, "It's only 'that' again."

February to most children represents one important thing—Valentine's Day—a good opportunity to turn their interest toward a lesson on the heart; perhaps using the text, "My son, give me thine heart." (Prov. 23:26)

Here is an idea for you: give the boys and girls of the younger departments each a small paper heart to represent their own. (Make the hearts double, in the form of a pocket). Paste a picture of Christ on a piece of cardboard at the bottom of which is a large envelope, and place it in your department auditorium. The following Sunday, the children's offerings are placed in the little heart pockets and presented to the Lord (dropped into the large envelope below the picture of Jesus). This affords an opportunity for a lesson on "giving from the heart."

Another idea for the month of February, to stimulate interest and promptness: place a large flannel heart on a flannelboard just inside the door of your Sunday School. On the heart print the name "Jesus."

Give to each member of your school a small red flannel heart with his name on it. As the boys and girls arrive on Sunday morning, they place their flannel heart on the board as near to the heart of Jesus as possible. The early ones naturally get theirs in the closest, while the late-comer is impressed with his own tardiness.

And so . . . "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might!"

Your Sister Mast.

"A Christian is not afraid of death, but of sin; an unconverted man is not afraid of sin, but of death."

OUR CORNER

Mary Had a Little Lamb...

I expect that all of you know the lines beginning, "Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow."

My story is not about that Mary, but another Mary in whose school book that story was found. At a very early age, she was able to repeat the whole of the little rhyme, and one day when her uncle, who was a farmer, came to see them, she jumped up on his knee and repeated it to him. Mary's uncle was so pleased that he asked her if she would like to have a lamb like that Mary had.

"Yes, yes, oh yes," Mary shouted, and ran off to tell her mother what her uncle was going to bring her.

Faithful to his promise, Uncle William brought Mary her lamb, a pretty creature with nice clean wool, which Mary was to see was kept that way.

Mary was greatly pleased with her little pet, and it seemed to like Mary, too. But little lambs, like little boys and girls, are rather foolish sometimes, and wander away from home.

One day when Mary was in the house, a man passing by with a lot of sheep, saw Mary's lamb just wandering around very close to the road and picked it up and took it with him to market.

When Mary missed her pet, her sorrow was very great, and she sobbed herself to sleep. Everybody looked for the lamb, but no lamb could be found. At last a neighbor told Mary's father that he saw a man carrying a lamb to market that looked very much like Mary's lamb.

Mary's father went down to the market, but there were so many lambs there that it was not easy to locate just a certain one. After a full hour's searching he finally found it huddled with many others in a dirty enclosure. Its fleece was soiled and the poor lamb looked very uncomfortable and disappointed. It had been sold and was soon to be hurried off to be killed. Mary's father had to pay a good sum of money to get it back, but he knew that Mary would be so happy to see her pet again, and would value the redeemed lamb more than ever.

Of course there was great rejoicing when the pet lamb was brought home; and Mary watched her pet very carefully

The story of Mary's lamb illustrates

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failed to explain that Parcel Post would be hazardous. Hence the difficulty let's shipped by Railway Express will come through without undue difficulty, though all transportation at the present is very irregular.

"Through finances received we have been enabled to take over the support of one of the children in the Juneau Children's Home, giving Mrs. Johnson \$30 a month for this child. Also we took over the support of a second, though unable to guarantee a continuation of this except as the Lord provides through gifts and offerings. We have helped to take care of repairs on the Johnson station wagon which is used to transport the children to Sunday School. Then too, a sum has been laid away toward the purchasing of property which is ideally situated, for a permanent Home. We have taken an option for sixty days . . . in the belief that the Lord will enable its purchase.

"The Missions Department is backing Children of Alaska, and we rejoice through your continued offerings and in the interest the brethren in Springfield field are taking. However it will be through your continued offerings and prayer that this backing will become material. There is the opening soon of a home for native children for which we are counting for help as the Lord lays it upon your hearts. Such a program as we are outlining is very much in behalf of defense and represents a real need.

Offerings may be sent direct, though we will prefer them sent through the Missions Department . . . directed to Children of Alaska.

something interesting. That wandering lamb may be a picture of you. The thief that stole it is like Satan. The enclosure where it was herded is like the world where Satan keeps his victims for eternal death.

The father who sought, found, and redeemed the lamb is like Jesus the Good Shepherd, who has done as much and more for us; for He shed His Blood for our redemption.

"Redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1:19.

Let's be thankful, and never wander away from Him—never, ever!

REPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK IN

Menlo Park

This special note of praise is due to God for what we have seen Him performing here in Menlo Park in recent weeks.

Let me mention that we came to Menlo Park late this last summer "looking not at" the unpromising "things that are seen," but simply stepping out upon God Himself, knowing that He was assuring us in various conclusive ways that He was directing us. The little Philadelphia Church had just a tiny but faithful crowd left since the resignation of the founder, Brother Ystrom, in the spring. But they were unanimous in giving us a call. We had known nothing of this until the day they contacted us. That very day I had placed my application at two large defense plants, after preparing myself for five months as a draftsman. Mrs. Jennison and I had cried to God for many days for deliverance from the ever increasing burdens of business and property obligations that pressed upon us during more than three years in San Jose. I said to my wife, "Is this the whale's belly, or the juniper tree, or Job's ash pile?" All these things mean something to a man (and a woman) who has preached for over twenty-five years and engaged in active pastoral service most of that time.

We came to try it out. The Lord helped us in ministering from the first service, as we drove back and forth each week end. One Sunday night returning home we picked up a young soldier, who was gloriously saved as we talked with him and prayed with him beside the road.

A week or two later a young man was converted in a Sunday night service, then

just before Christmas this fellow and four other young people were blessedly filled with the Spirit, the last meeting before this young man had to leave for the army. Some little time later at the close of a Sunday morning service we were praying for some sick ones, all standing by the altar, and a high-school lad was saved and filled with the Spirit in the same old Pentecostal way and almost simultaneously.

A short time since then one of our faithful young men, now entering the navy, a quiet undemonstrative type of fellow, received the infilling of the Holy Ghost with such demonstration that we could only behold with awe and declare that God is sovereign, despite the false appellations of reproach that the Pharisees of our day have tried to tack on us.

We feel greatly encouraged even though the attendance is usually a far cry from pack-out crowds and our Sunday School attendance is very low. And we began at the first of the year nightly prayer meetings, which by common demand have continued on to the present.

We praise God for a spirit of sweet unity that has prevailed among us, and for the fact that the people by hearty consent have favored entering the General Council fellowship.—EARLE V. JENNISON, Pastor, and MRS. EVA M. JENNISON.

CURRENT SIGNS

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had a try at it, and have not done so badly. At Middle River, Maryland, Glenn Martin built 607 houses at the rate of six a day. At Vallejo, California, the Federal Works Administration, using factory-built frames, built 500 houses at the rate of twenty a day. At Kansas City, Missouri, a company whose regular business is steel grain bins is geared to produce cylindrical houses—to sell for \$1,200, fully equipped—at the rate of 1,000 a day.

Broken Homes

Dr. Paul Popenoe, director of the American Institute of Family Relations, said today San Francisco and Los Angeles lead the nation for homes broken by divorce.

Dr. Popenoe released figures showing one out of every five children in Los Angeles comes from a home in which parents have been separated by divorce.

TESTIMONY

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then I married the girl of my choice of years ago. I can honestly say she has been a real helpmeet for me in the work of the Lord. One week following our nuptial day we came to our present pastorate. In three and a half years we have seen blessed results in the salvation of souls and the building up of a work of grace begun in the lives of a few of God's people.

We can truthfully say, "Thus far hath the Lord led us."

W. M. C.

One entire afternoon at the District Council Convention was given over to the Women's Missionary Council and the meeting was well attended by the women, and many of the pastors were present. We are indeed glad for the growing interest in the wonderful work that is being accomplished in the local churches and communities and for the home and foreign missionaries.

Reports were heard from seven of the sub-districts and many features of the work were explained by these women as they told of the many boxes of food and clothing and other necessities given by the different groups from sacrifice offerings; of hours of work given to the Red Cross; boxes sent to service men; times of prayer and Bible Study and visitation of sick and afflicted and shut-ins.

Mrs. Naomi Lehmann spoke of the benefits to the church of "Organized Visitation" under the supervision of the pastor, reading from the W.M.C. report as printed in the District Minute Book and of how this plan has worked so far in a small way at the First Pentecostal Church in Oakland.

Berdetta Manley explained "How to Organize Children's Bible Study Classes" and told of the need of these classes especially in the defense centers where mothers as well as fathers are working and the children have no home life. A number of mimeographed copies of this talk were made for distribution and one can be obtained from Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, Box 393, St. Helena, California, upon request.

Mrs. Goldia Anderson's subject was on "Prayer Bands and Cottage Prayer Meetings" and she told of the blessings received at a regular cottage prayer meeting where the wives of service men gather for comfort and strength from the Lord. A call was made for pledges of from one minute to ten each day of prayer for men in the service, first to mothers, then to wives, relatives and friends. Several hundred responded and the sweet assurance of the Lord's presence and approval rested upon the assembly as all joined in prayer together. These prayer bands will be formed in every church and carried on for the duration.

Mrs. L. H. Parks, returned missionary from China was the guest speaker and she told how, together with her husband and two children, Brother and Sister Hall and their children, they went through priva-

tions and trying times as their home was looted and later taken over by Japanese soldiers and they were put in a concentration camp. When they could no longer stand the moldy rice they were compelled to eat, as nothing else was provided, a package of bread was sent to them by Christian Chinese and was delivered by a Japanese guard. They knew the Lord was with them in this and many other things that happened and they are now here in America safe and regaining their health, preparing to again return to their field of labor in China if, and when, it is possible. May God abundantly bless our dear missionaries who are so willing to give their lives that souls may be saved.

A number of boxes were made up for the home missionaries to take home of fruit, nuts, beans and groceries supplied for this purpose by the Modesto W.M.C.

The San Francisco W.M.C. provided a noon meal each day of the convention for the ministers and families from Home Missions stations and small churches. This was greatly appreciated and was a real blessing to a large number.

SAFEGUARD

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local church or other departments of church work.

"The joker here is that you may be asked to show proof that you have paid tithes, produce cancelled checks or show receipts for money paid."

THE SUGGESTED SAFEGUARD is that the churches adopt an envelope system for their tithes and offerings so that the members have a definite record of how much they have given and when.

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pastors' names, we desire this to be cared for so no embarrassment will ensue to any.
R. J. T.

MIDWINTER CONVENTION

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ary 1, 1943, they will be: District Superintendent, \$260.00; District Secretary-Treasurer, \$195.00; Campground caretaker, \$115.00; and Assistant Editor of *Glad Tidings*, \$50.00.

With renewed purpose to serve the Lord who died for us, the convention crowd dispersed to their many fields of labor looking unto Him for grace and strength to perform that which He desires shall be done in and through us all.

PEACE WITH GOD

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Jesus for guidance, for grace, for strength, for pardon and final salvation. Any faith in Christ, however small, is better than any belief about him, however great.

The story is told of a foreman in a manufacturing plant who became anxious about his soul and many tried to help him, even his employer, but to no avail. At last his employer thought of reaching his mind and bringing him to see the promise of God in the gospel by writing a note asking him to call at a late hour after the plant was closed. The foreman came promptly with the letter in his hand. When ushered in the employer affecting surprise inquired if he wanted to see him. The foreman was astounded, but held up the note stating that it requested his coming, and the employer said: "Oh, I see you believe that I wanted to see you, and you came because of the message." "Surely, sir," he answered. "Well, see—here is another letter sent for you by One equally in earnest, said the employer, holding up some slips of paper with Scriptures written on them which the foreman took and began to read slowly these words: "Come - unto - me - all - ye - that - labor," etc. His lips quivered, his eyes filled with tears and he shook with emotion. Finally he said: "Am I just to believe that in the same way I believed your letter?" "Yes, in just the same way," answered the employer, and this expedient was used of God in saving this soul. He became a happy believer that night, rejoicing in God his Saviour.

"Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." May I close with the words of the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

*My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine.
May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal
inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.*

Worry is paying interest on trouble before it is due.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

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22:13 is from the "dinner," not from the "supper."

Mark the fact that the bride will have made herself ready. The "fine linen, clean and white," in which the bride is represented as being arrayed, is defined as "the righteousness of saints," the word rendered "righteousness" (Gr. *dikaionoma*) being plural rather than singular, and rendered by Rotherham, "righteous acts," and by Moffatt, "righteous conduct." Weymouth renders it, "righteous actions." Here is additional intimation that all the saints will not be bridehood saints. No person will be admitted to heaven as a reward for his "righteous acts;" all who enter will be admitted because their sins have been atoned for by Christ, and their hearts cleansed through His blood; they will all be blood-redeemed ones, and will enter heaven as such; but rewards are to be given for works, and many, having failed in their performance of "righteous acts," will "suffer loss" (I Cor. 3:15), the "loss" consisting, in all probability, in an assignment to an inferior position and which will undoubtedly include an exclusion from that body of the saints that will constitute the bride of the great Bridegroom. To make ourselves ready, then, to be reckoned among bridehood saints, it is imperative that our lives consist of a continuous series of "righteous acts," and that we persist in "patient continuance in well doing" (Rom. 2:7).

III. The Rider on the White Horse

Verses 11-16. Here we have a vision of the descent from heaven of our Lord at the time of the "glorious appearing," or, second stage of His second advent. Mark the fact that He is represented as seated upon a white horse. I once saw an engraving that was made of George Washington at the close of the American Revolution, peace having been concluded with the mother country and the independence of the colonies having been recognized. The victorious commander of the colonial armies was seated upon a snowy white charger, the white horse symbolizing victory. Our Lord will come as Victor, and His victory will be assured ere the final blow shall be struck against the enemy. He is pictured as "clothed in a vesture dipped in blood," not His own blood but that of His enemies. Read Isa. 64:1-4. He will be accompanied at His

coming by the armies of heaven, and they too will be seated upon white chargers, for His victory will be their victory, and they too will be victors. Associate the statement that "His name is called The Word of God," in verse 13 with what we read in verse 15, and compare with Heb. 4:12. At His coming His identity will be definitely known, and there will be no question as to the object of His coming and as to the supremacy of the place which He will occupy after He shall have set His feet upon the earth (verse 16).

IV. The Overthrow of Antichrist

Verses 17-21. Here we have a most graphic picture, filled with striking imagery, of the battle of Armageddon to which there is a brief allusion of significant import in 17:14. This will be the final blow that will be dealt to Gentile world dominion; it will bring to a definite end "the times of the Gentiles." Read Psalm 2:1-6. Despite all the efforts of the kings of the earth and of the rulers who "set themselves" and "take counsel together against the Lord, and against His anointed," i.e., His Christ, He hath said, "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion." An interesting passage that throws much light upon this coming conflict is Zech. 14:1-9. There we read that the ultimate outcome of the Lord's advent will be His kingship over all the earth—"And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

The gathering of the armies of Antichrist to fight against Jerusalem will be by means of unclean spirits, as is evident from 16:13, 14, but it will be under the supervision of God, as is evident from what God says in Zech. 14:2.

The armies of heaven and the forces of hell will make a final stand against one another, prior to the millennium, at Armageddon; the issues will be clearly drawn, and the outcome has been made certain beforehand: "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." How many casualties will be

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Eastbay Assembly of God hour.
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4:00 to 4:40 p.m. Sunday "Gospel Broadcasters"
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a. m. Tuesday
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B. League of Escalon.
p.m. Sunday
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15 p.m. Sunday
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly of God Church.
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of Modesto.
- KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.
9:00 p.m. Wednesday
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Assembly of God Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.
- KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.
9:00
Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary Tabernacle.

sustained by the armies of heaven? Not one. How many of the men marshalled under the leadership of Satan will not fall in the battle? Only two! ONLY TWO! The Antichrist and his coadjutor, the false prophet! They will be taken alive, and "cast into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." A thousand years later, as we shall presently learn, the devil will be cast into that same lake; in the meantime he will be shut up in the abyss, or, bottomless pit.

LINCOLN'S DILIGENCE

Abraham Lincoln was a concentrated example of diligence. While cutting wood he had a book with him and his resting moments were spent in study. One day he was sitting on the ground with a law book on his knees and reading. A man passing by called out: "Hello, Abe. What! Studying law? Do you expect to be President some day?" "Don't know," said Lincoln, "but I am going to get ready for anything God may have for me to do."

—Selected.

Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.

The truest end of life is to know the life that never ends.

You cannot think sin and live holiness.

READY TO HELP

Passing some soldiers who were hoisting a log on top of a fort, Washington observed that the load seemed too heavy for them. He thereupon asked a corporal bossing the job to help. This officer, not recognizing his general, turned with all the pomp of an emperor and responded, "Sir, I am a corporal." Dismounting, Washington himself helped to put the log in place, after which he said, "Mr. Corporal, when you have another such job and not enough men send for your commander-in-chief, and I will gladly come and help a second time."—Selected.

When God is going to do something wonderful, He begins with a difficulty.

No man ever repented of being a Christian on his deathbed.

THE BIBLE'S SOLILOQUY

Right here I stay, day after day, just longing for attention;
Folk talk about a lot of things, but *me* they never mention.
I'm seldom ever seen or heard in many homes and places;
They seem to think I'm out of date; some scorn my heavenly graces.

They're choosing rather works of fiction, the worldly wise and sages;
They seldom ever think of *me*, or scan my sacred pages.
I'm hid away far out of sight; I feel so very lonesome;
I'm least among their many books; and some are quite unwholesome.

They read the "funnies" through and through upon a Sunday morning,
And listen to the radio, and scarcely take a warning.
Of what the future holds for them, or what will be the ending
Of those who carelessly neglect the blessing God is sending.

Once in a while they go to church, depends upon the weather;
Even then I am forgotten; we never go together.
Week after week I'm left alone, I stay at home and wonder
How folk expect to make it through to mansions over yonder.

I really am responsible for this their Christian nation;
The Pilgrim Fathers brought me here, and I brought them salvation.
I am the written Word of God, unto the world been given
To teach the way of truth and life, and mark the path to heaven.

I seem of little consequence until they get in trouble.
War has made a difference, and now, they ask the Lord to double
The blessings they had forfeited, and, too, on me they're calling;
Before my holy, sacred shrine, yea millions now are falling.

God bless our boys in uniform, this war they're nobly braving
To keep our Christian flag afloat where Stars and Stripes are waving.
'Twill take the mighty God and *me*, with your cooperation
To bring the final victory for these United Nations.

When God shall open up the books, and judgment shall be pending,
Every tongue shall then confess, and every knee be bending
Before the Judge of all the earth, yea every tribe and nation
Shall all be judged from out *that Book*, the source of our salvation.

—LILLIE BUFFUM.

RATIONING

They may ration many items
And dim out the lights above,
But what never can be rationed
Is the measure of God's love.

We'll not drink so much of coffee,
Take less sugar in our tea,
But the flow of living water
Cannot ever rationed be.

If man could, he would with blackouts
Make the moon to hide her face;
But what never can be dimmed out
Is the saving power of grace.

Of the meat we used so freely
Less today is being fed;
But there always will be plenty
Of the precious Living Bread.

Tires and gas are being rationed,
So our feet must tread the sod;
Not go flying o'er the asphalt,
But in a quiet walk with God.

—HAZEL K. NICCOLLS.

If Christ be God and died for us, then
no sacrifice can be too great for us to
make for Him.

LINCOLN'S RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

In 1860 in a conversation with Mr. Bates, State Superintendent of Public Schools, Lincoln said: "I am not a Christian. God knows I would be one." Then taking a New Testament from his pocket he began to protest against the opposition of certain clergymen to his candidacy. Mark his language. "These men well know that I am for freedom in the territories, freedom everywhere so far as the Constitution and the laws will permit, and my opponents are for slavery. They know this and yet with this book in their hands, in the light of which human bondage cannot live a moment, they are going to vote against me. . . . I am nothing, but the truth is everything. I know I am right, for I know liberty is right, for Christ teaches it, and Christ is God!" This conviction, like leaven, wrought slowly its own blessed effect in his soul.

His confession is noteworthy. "When I was first inaugurated I did not love my Saviour, but when God took my son I was greatly impressed; but still I did not love Him; but when I stood on the battlefield of Gettysburg I gave my heart to Christ, and I can now say I do love the Saviour."—Selected.